August 1, 2012

Ms. Pamela C. Creedon Executive Officer Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board 11020 Sun Center Drive #200 Rancho Cordova, CA. 95670

RE: Draft Long-term ILRP WDR for the Tulare Lake Basin

Dear Ms. Creedon:

I write today on behalf of the African-American Farmers of California. We are greatly concerned about the length of the comment period allocated for the Tulare Lake Basin Long-term Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program and its effect on the small farmers that we represent.

Our farmers do not have the resources to sit and watch for each new regulatory change. In instances where the research is so complex, such as this program, it may take a long time to complete research and then develop comments. As such, we ask that you extend the comment period until September 30, 2012. We appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Will Scott President, African-American Farmers of California

cc: Joe Karkoski, CVRWQCB Clay Rodgers, CVRWQCB David Sholes, CVRWQCB Senator Michael Rubio